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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

OKAWA, GOROKU

Examiner

Karen B Addison

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**Period for Reply**

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 and 17-25 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15 and 16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Arguments***

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 1-25 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 1-14, 17-25 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Prior art fails to show a bolt having an enlarged diameter part for fixing the stator core to the housing by pressing one axial end portion of the stator core by the enlarged diameter part, and an intermediate member provided at a contact portion between the enlarged diameter part of the bolt and the axial end portion of the stator core, the intermediate member being softer than the enlarged diameter part of the bolt, wherein the intermediate member is deformed at a contact portion with the enlarged diameter part by being pressed with the bolt in the axial direction and the intermediate member is deformed in a depressed manner by reducing an axial height of the intermediate member at the contact portion and keeping an axial height at a portion other than the contact portion. Prior art also fails to show, the bolt having an enlarged diameter part for fixing the stator core to the housing by pressing one axial end portion of the stator core by the enlarged diameter part, wherein, the stator core has a cavity only at a radially outermost axial end portion of the stator core, and the enlarged diameter part contacts the stator core in the cavity and the bolt is disposed on the housing located radially outside of the stator core.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 15-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nakamura (6337530).

Nakamura discloses an rotary electric machine in fig. 1- 8 comprising a housing (4,5), a stator core(32) disposed in the housing , a bolt(13) having an enlarge diameter part for fixing the stator to the core(FIG.3) of the housing by pressing one axial end portion of the stator core by the enlarged diameter part, wherein the stator core(32) has a cavity(38) at a radially outermost axial end portion of the stator core, and the enlarge diameter part of the bolt(13) contacts the stator core at a radially outermost axial end portion of the stator core(fig.3), and the housing located radially outside of the stator core, wherein the housing(fig.1 and 2) further comprises: a cylindrical portion(B) accommodating the stator core(32); a bolt hole(38) for receiving the bolt formed on the cylindrical portion of the housing, the bolt having a threaded portion that is shorter than an axial length of the stator core(32) and is located within a radial outside area of the stator core; a bearing box(A) in which a bearing is supported ; and a radial support rib(9) extending in a radial direction to connect the bearing box and the cylindrical portion(B), wherein the bolt is formed on a portion of the housing, to connect the bearing box and the cylindrical portion(B). Nakamura also show, the cylindrical portions (B)

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having a thick portion (see fig.1) having a radial thickness thicker than another portion of the cylindrical portion(C see fig.1) and the radial support rib is connect to the thick portion and the bolt portion is formed of the thick portion.


### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karen B Addison whose telephone number is 571-272-2017. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 to 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Darren Schuberg can be reached on 571-272-2204. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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